

COMMODITY CHARACTERISTICS:

- Micro-organisms that cause disease in animals, or a part of a micro-organism capable of causing disease in animals (i.e. part must convey pathogenicity)

PROCEDURES:**1. Animal pathogens for any use, from any country:****AN IMPORT PERMIT MUST BE APPLIED FOR AND OBTAINED PRIOR TO IMPORT**

Headquarters has facilitated the compilation of a listing of all organisms currently considered pathogenic to animals. This list will be periodically reviewed and updated. If the micro-organism is present on this list it is considered a pathogenic to animals and requires an AAFC permit.

Note: Plant Health regulates the importation of micro-organisms that cause disease of plants.

Health Canada regulates the importation of micro-organisms and toxins that cause disease in humans.

2. A) NON pathogenic micro-organisms for any use, except animal feed, from any country:

NO RESTRICTIONS (for Animal Health if not on the attached list of pathogenic organisms).

B) NON pathogenic micro-organisms(bacterial cultures) for animal feed**From USA and designated countries (1):**

may be imported if Headquarters, Nepean, Ontario is satisfied that the product does not contain reportable pathogenic microbial organisms.

From other countries:

may be imported if Headquarters, Nepean, Ontario is satisfied that the product does not contain any ingredients of animal origin nor reportable pathogenic micro-organisms. If there is a request to import non-pathogenic microbial organism for animal feed, the importer should be advised to forward the following information to HQ: the list of microbial organisms included in the product, the testing done to ensure that no pathogenic organisms are included and the list of ingredients in the

growth media. Products approved by HQ will be indicated in directive AH-96-ENZ-BA-01.

(1) List of designated countries:

Australia, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden

IMPLEMENTATION:

This general import directive supersedes all AH import directives, either specific or general.

Animal Pathogens

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Bacterial cultures as ingredients in final animal feed products are subject to import requirements as if these products were imported in their entirety.

Please refer to directive 91-10-AP-48 for further details.

This directive relates to AH import requirements and does not remove any obligation to the Canadian importer to comply with the import requirements of other Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada programs and/or other departments, such as Feed and Fertilizer Division, Plant Protection Division, Veterinary Biologics and Biotechnology Section (AAFC), Bureau of Veterinary Drugs, Health Canada and Environment Canada.

If not prohibited by another AAFC program, the documents mentioned above may be provided by fax to the IPC, prior to the importation (AGRI-PARS).

Imported products are subject to inspection fees of \$14.95 (AGRI-PARS) or \$25.25 (regular), with the exception of the United States of America, whereby no inspection fees are applicable.

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